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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments to the claims and specification:

***A) Paragraph and Claim Replacements:***

1) On page 1, starting on line 3 and ending on line 13, please replace the paragraph as originally filed with the following amended paragraph: ✓

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**Priority Information**

a1  
The present application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) to U.S. Provisional Patent Application number 60/172,510, filed December 17, 1999, entitled "Bone Targeting Agents", U.S. Provisional Patent Application number 60/172,161, filed December 17, 1999, entitled "Proton Pump Inhibitors", and U.S. Provisional Patent Application number 60/240,788, filed October 16, 2000 entitled "Bone Targeting Agents", and the entire contents of each of these applications are hereby incorporated by reference.

The application further claims priority to U.S. National Patent Application number 09/740,267, entitled "Novel Heterocycles", and U.S. National Patent Application number 09/740,619, entitled "Proton Pump Inhibitors", each of which is filed on even date herewith and is hereby incorporated by reference.

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